

ABSTRACT

1 A billing and collection system comprising an access management
2 computer for enabling payment for a service provided over a data network to be
3 made for a telephone connection to a shared revenue billing network where the
4 telephone connection to the billing network regulates access to the service provided
5 over the data network, the data network including at least one information provider
6 presenting at least one service for on-line access by a user with a user computer
7 through the data network, the billing network and access management computer
8 adapted for controlling access to the information provider and billing the user for
9 access to the information provider, the access management computer
10 communicating with the data network to enable and terminate access to the
11 information provider through the user computer with the billing network sharing
12 revenues for the telephone connection with the information provider.